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Application has been made to the Second Assistant Postmaster General at Washington, D. C., to have this Enterprise entered at the Post Office at Clayton, N. M. as Second class matter.

Next Monday is the first day of May, this day is observed in many places as a day of recreation and is mostly spent in gathering wild flowers, and in enjoying life in the country. It is nice to see the little folks go out for a day's romp and return in the afternoon laden with wild flowers, their faces aglow with pleasure, tired, but happy.

He who will timely submit to any encroachments of his rights as an American citizen is a coward worthy of the taunts of his fellow citizens, but he who would attempt to trespass upon or smother the rights of a fellow citizen is a traitor to our form of government and should be dealt with accordingly. —Raton Reporter.

Union County has some as fine mineral deposits as is found in New Mexico. We have some of the rare metals here that the people are looking for, yes, spending thousands of dollars to find, we have copper and coal that we know of and have a few minerals that other countries do not have for instance alum, aluminum and what goes with it.

As related in Washington dispatches to The News, several thousands of acres of land along the Las Animas and San Juan rivers in San Juan county and on the Colorado boundary have been restored to public entry after having been withdrawn several months ago under the reclamation act. The thirty-sixth legislative assembly, recently adjourned, petitioned the department of the interior to restore the land to entry, as a private irrigation company has in hand a project to bring the land under ditch.

We wish to repeat the idea that cattle will not graze after sheep is nothing but a fable. A large flock of sheep naturally raises heavy dust, which settles down on vegetation. A rain or even a wind clears this off and the pasture is as inviting to cattle as though no sheep had been there — F. & F.

You read what the Field and Farm says regarding sheep and cattle grazing. If the Editor is sponsor for that article we don't believe that he believes it, facts are against him.

Raise Price of Beef.

Prices of all kinds of meat have begun to raise in New York because of an increased cost to dealers of about 2c a pound. This increase is being levied by packers in the West under the familiar pretense that the supply of cattle is far short of the demand. Retail butchers assert that there has been no such shortage.

An increase of 2c per pound on dressed cattle by wholesale means a corresponding increase of from 4 to 6c per pound at retail on the average grade of sirloin steak, porterhouse steak and prime ribs of roast beef. An increase of 2c per pound, wholesale, means that the trust will levy an extra \$200,000 upon the New York retail butchers each week. A corresponding increase of 5c per pound by the retailer means that the consumers must pay \$500,000 more each week for their meat.

The retail butchers have protested against the trust's increase in vain.

Mexican Lands In Big Fraud Over \$375,000 Secured From American Dupes.

United States Consul General

Parsons has commenced an investigation of the alleged colonization of the Pan American Land company in Chiapas.

Induced by advertisements of the company, farmers of western Texas, Oklahoma, Nebraska and Washington state came to Chiapas at their own expense and found that they had been grossly deceived.

It is alleged that the Pan American Land company bought 10,000 acres of the state government for \$1,000 and by advertising, sold town lots for over \$375,000 gold. The advertisements pictured comfortable homes being erected and showed extensive railroad shops and cultivated lands. The investigators found the few railroad buildings were being removed to better towns, Guernsey and Tola and claim the so-called cultivated lands were a sandy waste, a creek a few inches deep instead of a navigable river, and the only available harbor some distance out in the Pacific.

The consul general has summoned the officers of the company at Kansas City to appear here to show cause why they should not be barred from further use of the United States mails, as well as to further operations. —Denver Post.

She's All Right

Under the caption of "what's the Matter With New Mexico?" "Uncle Bill" writes thus optimistically to the Raton Range.

Why, nothing's the matter with her, Statehood or no statehood the year 1905 promises to be one of the most satisfactory years the territory has ever known.

From the Colorado line to the Mexico border, from the Pecos to the San Juan, from Folsom to Lordsburg, every inch of the country has had such a soaking as it hasn't had since old Noah's famous yachting excursion. Where ever there's a level piece of land to be found, a crop will be raised this season.

Down the Rio Grande the people are hard at work, the peach and apple trees are glorious with blossoms, the alfalfa is already six inches high and growing an inch a day. New ditches are being dug, old ones cleaned out. In the lower end of the valley, Las Cruces and Mesilla, under the impetus of the Elephant Butte dam project, are taking on new life. Land has doubled in value. Places that have been idle for years are being cleaned up and prepared for a crop.

On every hand the plows are busy and the lowly but popular frijole, the warm and gingery chili that cardinal of the vegetable world, are being planted in quantities to supply the nation.

The first fine under the Indiana anti-cigarette bill was imposed this week at Muncie, Indiana, upon a twenty year old youth. He was found with cigarette paper upon his person and was fined \$25 and costs. The enforcement of such a law in New Mexico at the present time would make the collection of taxes entirely unnecessary as a sufficient revenue would be derived from the fines. The New Mexican has even more than a faint suspicion that if the pockets of the boys attending the schools at Santa Fe were searched cigarette paper would be found in every second pocket. —New Mexican. They say that it would be unwise to search the pockets of Clayton school boys.

The Territorial Game Law.

The game law passed by the late territorial legislature provides a penalty from \$100 to \$500 and imprisonment of from 30 to 90 days for shooting any elk, mountain sheep, beaver, or prairie dog. The territorial game warden is given authority to grant a permit for the capture of beavers that interfere with the operation of any lawful ditch. It establishes a closed season of five years for antelope, pheasant, bob white, quail or wild pigeon. Deer with horns may be killed with a gun only from September 15 to October 31. Turtle doves may be killed with a gun from August 1 to September 30. Crested quail, wild turkey, mountain grouse, or prairie chicken may be killed with a gun only during October, November and December. The fine is from \$50 to \$100 and imprisonment from 30 to 60 days. One-half the fine is to be turned into the county school fund. It prohibits the serving of fish or game killed in New Mexico in any hotel, boarding house or restaurant. For the serving of fish or game brought from outside the territory a special permit must be obtained from territorial game warden. The penalty is a fine from \$25 to \$100 and imprisonment in jail from 30 to 60 days.

Carrizozo Valley Notes.

The enterprising proprietors of the thirst quenching resort on the Carrizozo lav. just completed one of the best quarter race tracks in the country. Having a fine population of sports, and much of our horses being "racers," we predict many a hilarious afternoon in that locality during the coming season.

Road-work on the new Clayton-Kenton route is being rapidly pushed. Superintendent Lumpkins promises to have it completed as soon as energy can do it.

Uncle Billie Giles is moving from his road canyon home to the Travasier where he will live during the season.

It is reported that Chas. Preston has skipped to parts unknown, being to tender hearted to witness all his many friends in tears over the parting, he thought best to leave while all were asleep.

R. C. Currie has leased a couple of watering places at the head of road canyon from Mr. Lujan where he will hold his cattle the coming season. Green Dave will be in charge and as he is a famous "cusinero" the chuck-line riders should keep that camp in mind.

C. B. Currie of Medicine Lodge, Kansas, father of R. C. Currie of the Carrizozo, is here visiting his son and family. He will buy a car load of horses to take back if he can get them.

The indications are that land values are on the verge of a skyward pilgrimage in the valley.

The mail patrons of the Kenton P. O. should certainly appreciate the faithful regularity of the carrier, Mr. Young. People are not inclined to give a mail carrier credit for the hardships they have to endure, getting up of mornings and making ready for the trip, while the balance of the population are yet snoring, whether it be rain, snow, wind, or sun shine. And going each day twice over the same long, weary monotonous miles, and remembering his road-side errands on the way with such faithful attention as Mr. Young gives the carrier merits the appreciation of all.

The storm has been on a storm this week.

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